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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

The case of Mumia Abu-Jamal is still ongoing, and with a new, progressive DA and a liberal Supreme Court, it's anyone's guess what will happen at his next hearing on a potential issue for appeal on Monday. Maureen Faulkner, widow of Philly cop Daniel Faulkner, whom Mumia was convicted of killing in 1981, has returned to Philly to see that he be kept behind bars. Read more on pages 6-7 and at **metrophilly.us**.

TRUMP THREATENS SHUTDOWN OVER WALL

1 President Donald Trump on Saturday threatened to shut down the federal government in September if Congress did not provide more funding to build a wall on the border with Mexico. "That wall has started, we have 1.6 billion [dollars]," Trump said at a campaign rally in Washington, Michigan. "We come up again on Sept. 28 and if we don't get border security we will have no choice, we will close down the country because we need border security." Trump made a similar threat in March to push for changes in immigration law that he says would prevent criminals from entering the country. A $1.3 trillion spending bill, which Trump signed last month, will keep the government funded through the end of September. A government shutdown ahead of the November mid-elections is unlikely to be supported by fellow Republicans eager to keep control of the Congress. Trump cited the hundreds of Central American migrants traveling in a "caravan" as one of the reasons for strong border security. "Watch the caravan, watch how sad and terrible it is, including for those people and the crime that they inflict on themselves and that others inflict on them," said Trump.

US WARNS NORTH KOREA ON DENUCLEARIZATION

2 Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Sunday that he told Kim Jong Un that the North Korea leader would have to agree to take "irreversible" steps toward shutting its nuclear weapons program in any deal with President Donald Trump. "We use the word 'irreversible' with great intention," Pompeo told ABC News. "We are going to require those steps that demonstrate that denuclearization is going to be achieved." Pompeo's comments were the most extensive yet regarding his Easter weekend talks in Pyongyang with Kim in preparation for a summit next month between the North Korean leader and Trump. Pompeo, the former CIA director who was sworn in as the top U.S. diplomat on Thursday, said his meeting with Kim was "a productive one." Kim expressed his readiness to discuss Trump's demand "and to lay out a map that will help us achieve that objective," Pompeo said. His assessment likely will add to hopes for a breakthrough that brings peace to the divided Korean peninsula following an historic summit last week between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in at which the pair vowed "complete denuclearization."

MIGRANTS IN CARAVAN THAT TRAVELED THROUGH MEXICO ATTEMPT TO GAIN ASYLUM

3 People climb a section of border fence to look into the U.S. as members of a caravan of Central American asylum seekers arrive at a rally on April 29, 2018, in Tijuana, Baja California Norte, Mexico. More than 300 immigrants, the remnants of a caravan of Central Americans that journeyed across Mexico to ask for asylum in the United States, have reached the border to apply for legal entry. ***Read more on page 12.***

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US CONCERNED BY IRANIAN GOAL TO DOMINATE REGION

4 The U.S. is "deeply concerned" by Iran's ambition to dominate the Middle East, new Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on a flying visit on Sunday. "We remain deeply concerned about Iran's dangerous escalation of threats towards Israel and the region," Pompeo said in remarks alongside Netanyahu. The former CIA director was speaking on a flying visit to the region, where he had earlier in the day met with Saudi King Salman in Riyadh and stressed the need for unity among Gulf allies as Washington aims to muster support for new sanctions against Iran to curb its missile program. The whirlwind trip to NATO in Brussels and to Middle East allies came only hours after Pompeo was confirmed as Trump's top diplomat. He has not even visited his own office yet, he told Netanyahu. Pompeo said in Tel Aviv: "We remain deeply concerned about Iran's dangerous escalation of threats towards Israel and the region." He added: "Strong cooperation with close allies like [Israel] is critical to our efforts to counter Iran's destabilizing and malign activities through the Middle East, and indeed, throughout the world."

T-MOBILE, SPRINT SAY NEW DEAL WILL BEAT CHINA

5 T-Mobile US Inc. and Sprint Corp. said on Sunday they had agreed to a $26 billion all-stock deal and believed they could win over skeptical regulators because the merger would create thousands of jobs and help the United States beat China to creating the next generation mobile network. The agreement capped four years of on-and-off talks between the third and fourth largest U.S. wireless carriers, setting the stage for the creation of a company with 127 million customers that will be a more formidable competitor to the top two wireless players, Verizon Communications Inc. and AT&T Inc. U.S. regulators, who have challenged in court AT&T's $85 billion deal to buy U.S. media company Time Warner Inc., are expected to grill Sprint and T-Mobile on how they will price their combined wireless offerings. Verizon has 116 million U.S. wireless customers, according to a spokesman, while AT&T has 93 million branded customers, as of the first quarter. The new deal will create the highest-capacity U.S. network, lower prices, create jobs and improve service in rural areas, said John Legere, the chief executive of T-Mobile and the new head of the proposed combined company.

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Philadelphia police are working to catch a suspect wanted for sexual assaults on boys. GETTY IMAGES

Suspect wanted for multiple sexual assaults on young boys in Philly resurfaces

Police are urging parents to talk to their children about the dangers of getting into strangers' cars.

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Police of Philadelphia's Special Victims Unit are on the hunt for a suspect wanted for sexual assaults on boys in Philadelphia. The suspect has been targeting young boys, luring them into his car.

Since May of last year the unidentified predator has been on the SVU's radar after he attempted to kidnap males all around the city by asking for help pumping his gas in exchange for money.

Last November there were three very similar reported incidents that fit the suspect's description, a heavy-set black male in his 30s. After a recent incident reported by a young boy on April 26, Philadelphia police believe the suspect has resurfaced after months of inactivity.

A 12-year-old was walking to school when he came into contact with a man fitting the same description this past Thursday. The suspect, who told the boy his name was Malik, approached him in a burgundy Subaru. He offered the boy money for help pumping his gas. The 12-year-old said yes and got into the vehicle.

After speaking with the boy, Captain Mark Burgmann stated that "while they were driving, [Malik] pulled out his cellphone and began to show our 12-year-old victim pornographic videos. While they were

riding around, he indecently assaulted the male." The suspect then dropped the boy off roughly 15 minutes later where he picked him up on the 5800 block of Baltimore Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia.

"When I read [about the latest incident] this morning, it was clear to me it's the same individual committing all of these," said Burgmann. "The most alarming thing about this is he's not going to stop ... not going to stop at all."

Police are working to obtain surveillance video of the car used in this latest incident. In the meantime, police are urging parents in Philadelphia to be on the lookout for the suspect and talk to their children about the dangers of getting into cars with strangers.

"Everybody should be aware. Listen, there are predators out there," Burgmann warned.

"The most alarming thing about this is he's not going to stop ... not going to stop at all."

Captain Mark Burgmann

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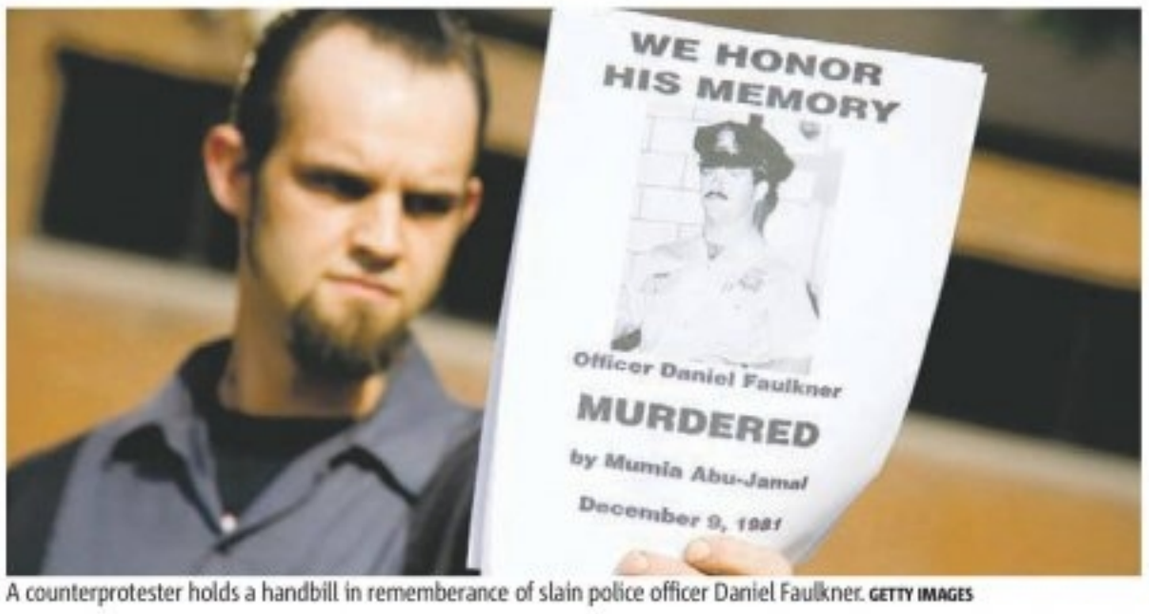

A counterprotester holds a handbill in rememberance of slain police officer Daniel Faulkner. GETTY IMAGES

Maureen Faulkner wants DA Krasner to keep Mumia locked up

The widow of Officer Daniel Faulkner wants Mumia Abu-Jamal incarcerated.

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Thirty-seven years later, Maureen Faulkner, 61, is still carrying the loss of her Philly cop husband, Officer Daniel Faulkner, who was shot to death at age 25 in 1981 at 13th and Locust streets after a traffic stop. Mumia Abu-Jamal was convicted of Faulkner's murder and is currently serving life without parole, but details surrounding the case have made Abu-Jamal one of the most internationally known U.S. inmates and led to ongoing support for his release.

As Abu-Jamal's legal team prepares for a hearing Monday to ask the courts to review all of his unsuccessful appeals from the past 20 years, with his supporters planning to pack the courtroom, Maureen Faulkner herself will be there, along with cop supporters, to stand for Daniel Faulkner and demand that reform-minded new DA Larry Krasner fight against any bid for freedom by Abu-Jamal.

"If I have to go back through these appeals, it will just be very damaging to me and my family," Faulkner told Metro. "To this day, he has not admitted guilt, and you know why? Because he doesn't think it's a crime to kill a cop."

Faulkner and supporters of her late husband are expected to attend Abu-Jamal's hearing on Monday. So are the many supporters of Abu-Jamal, who have created a Facebook event asking supporters to "pack the court to free Mumia," whose health, they say, is in increasingly dire condition, due to cirrhosis of the liver and hepatitis C.

"Cops and their supporters are worried that the current political climate against police terror and mass incarceration is so strong that it could even be felt in the courts, where a legal opportunity now exists that could result in Abu-Jamal's release," pro-Mumia organizers wrote.

Faulkner said she came back to Philly to send a message to new Philly DA Larry Krasner and ask him "to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Faulkner family, as so many district attorneys have before, and oppose any efforts by Abu-Jamal and his attorneys to free a clearly guilty and properly convicted cop killer," she wrote in an op-ed published by the Inquirer, and she acknowledged that "given the current political environment, my family and I have grave concerns about how the judge might rule."

Krasner swept into office on promises of reform, which he has so far been delivering to mixed reviews, but Faulkner said she wants to make sure he's dedicated to keeping Abu-Jamal locked up.

"If I have to go back through these appeals, it will just be very damaging to me and my family."
Maureen Faulkner

"I understand that Larry Krasner's been a defense attorney and civil rights attorney and Black Lives Matter attorney and that's what he did for 30 years of his life, but now that he is in the District Attorney's Office, he has to have a different mindset," Faulkner said. "There's nothing I hope for more than for the police department and the District Attorney's Office to walk on some sort of common ground, because if they don't do that, the city is going to collapse."

Abu-Jamal will be in court on Monday for a hearing regarding an appeal filed alleging judicial bias. Abu-Jamal's lawyers said state Supreme Court Judge Ronald Castille acted inappropriately by sitting on a panel hearing one of Abu-Jamal's

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appeals of his conviction — which he rejected — although he had previously fought Abu-Jamal's appeals as then-Philadelphia district attorney. Former Gov. Ed Rendell was Philly DA in 1982 when Abu-Jamal was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death, which was commuted in 2011 to life without parole.

But in 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court found in the case of Terrance Williams vs. Pennsylvania, which Castille also both prosecuted and later heard as a judge, that such action was unconstitutional. If a judge rules that one of Abu-Jamal's appeals was handled unconstitutionally, it could lead to a review of every legal step in his case since the mid-'90s, possibly before the current state Supreme Court. But Faulkner says Abu-Jamal should still face the death penalty.

"It was over 37 years ago, there have been more than 20 appeals, let's step back to what really happened on Dec. 9, 1981, when I was 25 years old and got that call in the middle of the night," Faulkner said. "I remember going to the court and seeing the bullets in his jacket. … He was writhing from side to side, and Jamal just went down and shot him between the eyes. It was with malice. It was with deliberation."

Mumia Abu-Jamal, born Wesley Cook, a former journalist, cab driver and affiliate of MOVE founder John Africa, was arrested and got the death penalty for Faulkner's murder. Prosecutors said Abu-Jamal ambushed and killed Faulkner during a late-night traffic stop of Abu-Jamal's younger brother, which had turned physical. Abu-Jamal was arrested at the scene next to Faulkner's body with a gunshot wound from Faulkner's gun to the chest and charged with first-degree murder.

In the wake of the 1985 MOVE bombing, and as details of the criminal trial were presented by activists as evidence of a conspiracy, Abu-Jamal was dubbed a "political prisoner" allegedly targeted due to his involvement in black power-related causes. He became an emblem of the flawed criminal justice system, with many in the '90s beginning to call for his release and summoning him to deliver commencement speeches at various colleges, which he did by tape or telephone from prison.

In 2011, with the consent of Faulkner's family, prosecutors dropped their bid to have Abu-Jamal executed, settling instead for life without parole.

Maureen Faulkner at the dedication of a new mural in honor of her late husband, Philly cop Daniel Faulkner, who Mumia Abu-Jamal was convicted of murdering in 1981 CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Mumia Abu-Jamal remains incarcerated. GETTY IMAGES

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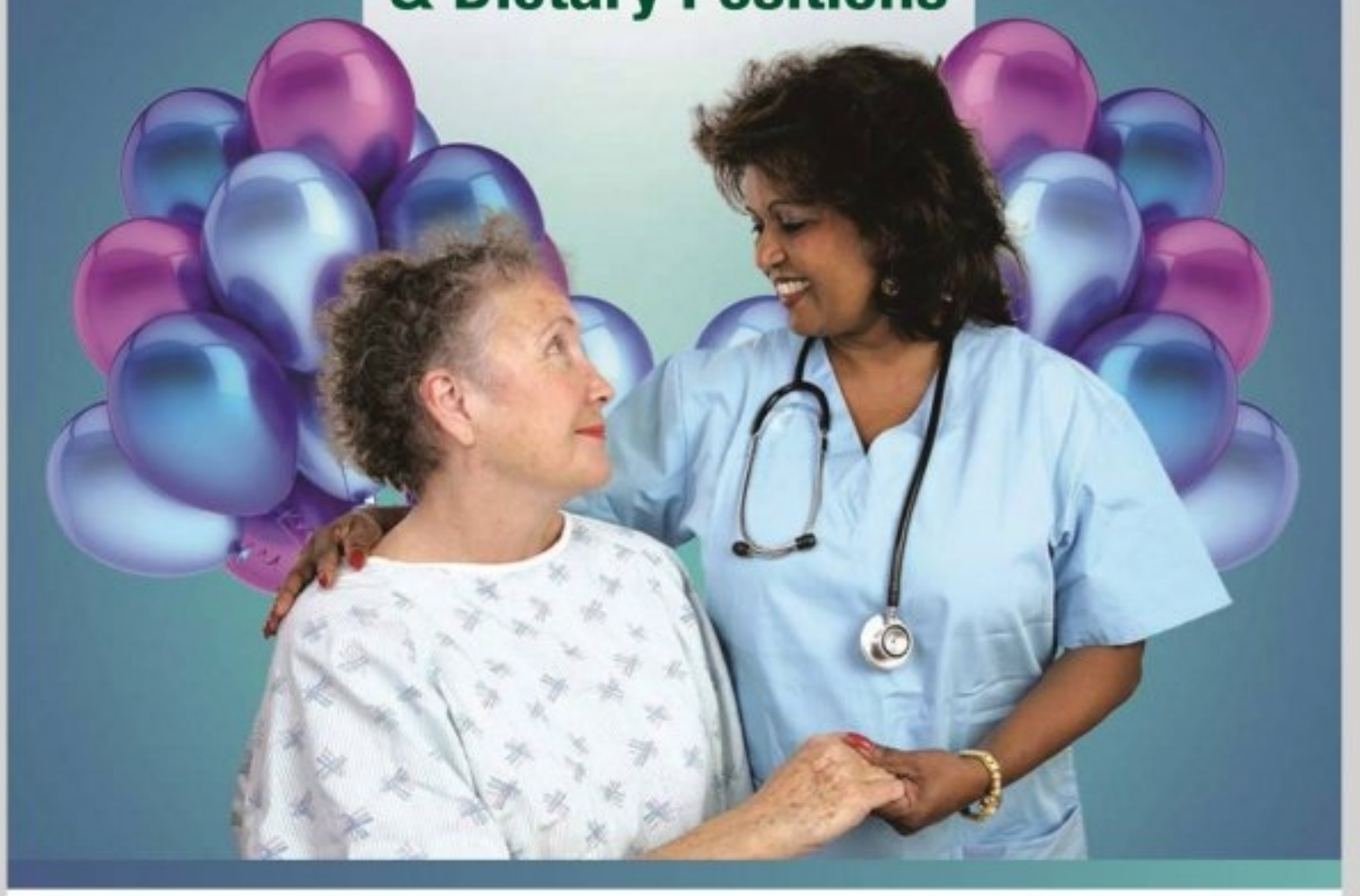

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Between two worlds: Afro-Latinx in Philly discuss experience

Stephanie Cuevas is an Afro-Latina woman in Philly who said she had to educate herself about her heritage. COURTESY OF STEPHANIE CUEVAS

Afro-Latinx can often be "too Black" for other Latinx and "too Latinx" for other Black people.

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Imagine speaking fluent Spanish, growing up listening to salsa and bachata music and loving your mother's *arroz con pollo* — only to be treated differently by people you meet because you don't "look Hispanic." For many Afro-Latinx people in Philadelphia, this is all too common.

Afro-Latinx people are descendants of the African diaspora whose families come from Latin American and Caribbean countries with large populations of black people like Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Panama. Because of Eurocentric perceptions of identity and beauty, society has been conditioned to expect Latinx to generally look European in appearance with less African features. As a result, Afro-Latinx can often be "too black" for other Latinx and "too Latinx" for other black people.

An alumni operations coordinator at a local nonprofit, Stephanie Cuevas learned of her Afro-Latina identity through self-education and it changed her life forever. "For me, [Afro-Latina] wasn't something I always identified as," she said.

As a Dominican American growing up in a predominately black and Latino neighborhood, Cuevas believed she had more in common with everyone around her than they thought. "It wasn't really until when I went to college that I realized everything I learned was textbook, but nothing related to me. That's when I took it upon myself to get that education on my own. That's when it all started to make sense and I realized how I was similar to everyone I grew up around, even though we didn't consider [being Afro-Latinx] 'a thing.'"

"It's just now that we are seeing black women do the news, do the weather, or even a black Miss Brazil?"

Brazilian-American consultant Kathia Woods

For Brazilian-American consultant Kathia Woods, the issues with how society views Afro-Latinx stem from stereotypes and racial misconceptions. "I know in Brazil people say, 'We're not racist, look at how we're mixed and how we're loved.' But it's just now that we are seeing black women do the news, do the weather, or even a black Miss Brazil. How can that be when the country is 70 percent black?"

Woods is quick to note that the colorism affecting Afro-Latinx also happens frequently here in the United States. "It's also here in America when we look at Telemundo and Univision and [Afro-Latina reporter] Ilia Calde-

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ron *just* became the first woman of color on Univision, a channel that's been around for 50-something years and is supposed to represent Latin America. It's like, where are we in that space? Why are there no people of color on *telenovelas* [Latin soap operas] that aren't maids or servants? That's racism. Even though it isn't real, it's all a perception. It's normalizing the abnormal."

With celebrities like Dominican American entertainer Amara La Negra making what it means to be Afro-Latinx into a national discussion, Woods is optimistic that society will begin to learn more about Afro-Latinx heritage. "We have some work to do, but I do believe it's a crack in the ceiling."

Miss Brazil Raissa Santana represents a country known for diversity. GETTY IMAGES

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Beard Festival shows off Philly's best facial hair

The second Philadelphia Beard Festival featured a variety of entertainment.

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The Philadelphia Beard Festival took place Sunday at the Schmidt's Commons in Northern Liberties. Only in its second year, the festival celebrates all things beard-related. Attendees could have their beard professionally groomed, buy beard-grooming supplies, or participate in the "Epic Beard Contest" all while drinking craft beers and spirits. The event also featured live music, food, games, and beard-related vendors — including a beard-themed art stand. For those with facial hair, the beard festival was a place to show off different styles and share grooming techniques.

The Philadelphia Beard Festival featured live music, food, games and beard-related vendors. ALL PHOTOS KAIT MOORE

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U.S. border authorities said Saturday that some people associated with the caravan had already been caught trying to slip through the fence and encouraged the rest to report to authorities. GETTY IMAGES

Migrant caravan gathers on southern border before seeking asylum bids

Asylum seekers must demonstrate a fear of persecution, and the majority of those from Central America are denied refuge in the U.S.

Hundreds of people from a Central American migrant caravan rallied on Sunday at the U.S.-Mexico border, many preparing to report to U.S. authorities later in the day to make asylum claims that may land them in detention centers.

The monthlong caravan that at one point gathered 1,500 immigrants from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador drew the wrath of President Donald Trump during its journey through Mexico.

Trump pressured Mexico to stop the migrants before they reached the border, linking Mexican efforts to stem the flow of Central Americans to the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) currently being renegotiated in Washington.

The remaining 400 or so members of the caravan now face hard choices, whether to cross illegally into the United States, ask for asylum at the border or try to remain in Mexico.

"I feel a little cold. I feel anxious," said Jaime Alexander from El Salvador in the morning, shaking slightly on his way to the Tijuana, Mexico side of the border fence on a Pacific Ocean beach.

Some young men clambered up and straddled the fence, legs dangling into California. The migrants were cheered on the San Diego side by U.S. immigration activists.

The rally was a final public act after a roller-coaster few weeks for the caravan and was intended to raise awareness about the fate of migrants in Latin America, organizers said. On the U.S. side, the March Without Borders group trekked from Los Angeles to greet the caravan.

Later, Alexander and some other migrants boarded buses to take them to the nearby San Ysidro border crossing. U.S. authorities have advised that there may be delays in their ability to process such a large group of migrants and that some "may need to wait in Mexico as [border officials] work to process those already within our facilities."

1,500

At one point, the caravan had gathered 1,500 immigrants from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

The group from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador arrived in Tijuana on buses over the past couple of days, and most of them said Saturday they intended to seek legal asylum in San Diego.

Death threats from local gangs, the murder of family members, retaliatory rape, and political persecution back home prompted them to flee, members of the group have told Reuters.

But by Sunday morning, doubts were setting in after briefings by U.S. immigration lawyers told the group of the hardships they could suffer if their asylum cases were not strong enough, including detention, deportation and long periods of forced separation from their families.

After making a claim, asylum seekers are usually kept in detention centers. Women with young children generally spend less time locked up and are released to await their hearings. REUTERS

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Orthosomnia: The sleep disorder caused by your fitness tracker

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Apple Watches and FitBits can tell us a ton, like the number of steps we've taken today and how many calories we've burned. It can even clue us in to health problems we wouldn't have known about otherwise.

But there is a downside to the fitness and sleep trackers that we love so much.

"[Orthosomnia might] reinforce sleep-related anxiety or perfectionism for some patients."

Researchers, in a report

According to a new study published in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine, our trackers are creating a new type of obsession — known as orthosomnia — that is causing problems in people.

What is orthosomnia?

We're supposed to rely on our bodies and mood to clue us in to the quality of our sleep, but people with orthosomnia are overly dependent on their sleep and fitness trackers to clue them in to their sleep quality.

And that's the problem: While sleep trackers can show you general patterns in the length and quality of sleep you're getting, they aren't super accurate, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Relying on them to give you information on sleep can actually cause you to lose sleep, thanks to the anxiety and stress.

Orthosomnia might even "reinforce sleep-related anxiety or perfectionism for some patients," the researchers report.

Are fitness trackers and sleep trackers bad?

Fitness trackers can be a useful tool to help you throughout the day (and night, in the case of sleep tracking), but if you find you get overly obsessed with it, it's probably time to take it off your wrist.

"When I was in diet mode, they became another way for me to measure how well my day had gone, steps being nothing more than negative calories or net carbs in my bonkers brain," Kelsey Miller wrote in an essay for Refinery29.

"When I was in between diets, they sat in cluttered junk drawers, now measuring just how big a piece of s— I was for not working out again."

Miller's experience isn't uncommon.

"[For] anyone who has any existing eating disorder or excessive exercise tendencies, using a fitness tracker is a very bad idea because it just makes them even more obsessive and compulsive about the fact that they're not meeting their unrealistic goals," Mary Pritchard a psychology professor at Boise State University who studies disordered eating and exercise behaviors, told U.S. News and World Report.

"[For] anyone who has any existing eating disorder or excessive exercise tendencies, using a fitness tracker is a very bad idea because it just makes them even more obsessive and compulsive about the fact that they're not meeting their unrealistic goals," she says.

The same goes for sleep. If you're that worried about your sleep, the National Sleep Foundation recommends going to a specialist to get a sleep study. Otherwise, just put your tracker in a drawer at night and focus on drifting off into dreamland naturally.

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The Philadelphia Science Festival hosts finale carnival

The festival went out with a bang of explosions, trash cans full of rubber balls and liquid nitrogen.

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On Saturday, the Philadelphia Science Festival came to a close with its daylong finale carnival on the Parkway. The festival featured 80 events over the course of nine days, starting April 9. It is run by The Franklin Institute in collaboration with 200 other regional science, cultural and educational establishments. Saturday's carnival featured 160 different booths that took up the span of the Parkway and used various family-friendly activities and demonstrations to answer scientific questions about the world. One booth used demonstrations to answer the question: "How does oxygen run through my body?" and another attempted to answer, "How do lava lamps work?" The festival went out with a bang of explosions, trash cans full of rubber balls and liquid nitrogen flew into the air, known as the "trash can salute." It left the crowd in one final moment of scientific wonder.

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Holy Mary, Mother of God! What on Earth is Paul Ryan trying to prove?

That a Catholic priest can't minister to people with families? That God-fearing politicians shouldn't look out for the poor? The outgoing Speaker sure has raised some dicey questions by abruptly dismissing the chaplain of the House.

Ryan has been notably vague on why exactly he canned Father Patrick Conroy, a well-regarded Jesuit priest who'd ministered to the spiritual needs of Congress for the past seven years. But this much is clear: Some of Ryan's more conservative members took offense at Father Conroy's prayer last November as the House was considering a massive tax cut that critics called a gift to wealthy individuals and big corporations. During his morning invocation, the Catholic chaplain beseeched the lawmakers to make sure "there are not winners and losers under new tax laws, but benefits balanced and shared by all Americans."

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Boilerplate Christianity, right? No, that's not how some of Ryan's members took the priest's words.

They accused him of being overly political. Others seemed to find Father Conroy too Catholic, even jabbing at his vow of priestly celibacy. "I'm looking for somebody who has a little age, that has adult children, that kind of can connect with the bulk of the body here, Republicans and Democrats who are going through, back home, the wife, the family," said North Carolina Congressman Mark Walker, a Southern Baptist minister who co-chairs the House Prayer Caucus and is helping to choose Conroy's replacement.

No Roman collars, in other words.

The continuing uproar has left Ryan, himself a devout Catholic, in an uncomfortable and self-created squeeze. A Catholic chaplain is under assault for teaching Christ's message and following the rules of his church. What exactly should a congressional chaplain do if not speak up for the poor? Pray for the further enrichment of the Koch brothers and the expanding influence of the NRA?

Ryan could have ignored the anti-Catholic bigots or pushed back on them. Instead, he delivered the Thomas Aquinas treatment to Father Conroy.

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The digital drugs revolution is coming

Experts believe smart pills will soon be able not only to track and diagnose patients and even prevent diseases. Metro investigates whether it will really be possible in the near future.

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The revolution in healthcare is already at our doorstep. For the first time in history, the Food and Drug Administration has approved a digital pill. Each piece of that medication, dubbed Abilify MyCite, used to treat psychotic, mood and anxiety disorders, emits an electronic signal when swallowed that can be picked up by a nearby receiver and transmitted to the designated person, including doctors, nurses or family members. Experts from all over the world have already called the approval a significant advance in the industry that can help people who forget to take their medications without a timely reminder.

However, it remains to be seen what will be the impact of the technology used in Abilify MyCite. Although as many as two-thirds of patients fail to take their medications as prescribed, whether the ability to track their behavior will improve adherence to a treatment regimen is unknown. Many of these people may simply decide not to take their drugs because of side effects or a perception that they are no longer needed – reactions not likely to be changed by a smart drug. And getting a reminder to do what they already decided not to do may just make them angry.

But according to Paul Appelbaum, director of law, ethics and psychiatry in Columbia University's psychiatry department, such smart pills are going to be widely used in the future.

"Smart drugs may turn out to be most useful for conditions in which patients are highly likely to forget to take medications, e.g., early Alzheimer's disease. They may also allow physicians treating other conditions to identify repeated failures to take medications and re-explain the medications' importance to patients. But their success will depend on patients' willingness to have their medication use monitored – and not everyone may be comfortable with that," he told to Metro.

"Digital drugs may be key in treating people with infections, to prevent the spread of diseases in the future."

Dolores Malaspina, psychiatrist at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

The medications of the future might not only come with reminders, but become "chatty." Or even gain not only "mouths" but "eyes," "ears" and "noses." We're now witnessing the evolution of a more digitally connected and integrated healthcare system. And according to experts, medications like MyCite are one of the new innovations that are part of this progress.

"There is tremendous potential. While any new advance brings some unknowns – with careful and ethical research as well as the involvement from patient communities, advances like MyCite have the potential to help people remain healthy and out of the hospital," John Torous, clinical fellow in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, stated. "It also offers people the potential to receive personalized insights about how the medication works for them, and the chance for more informed decision making between patients and doctors around medications."

He added: "This new type of medication also has broad potential outside of mental health as real time feedback and personalized insights on medications are important for almost any health condition."

Despite all the benefits, such smart drugs could bring new problems and controversies. One of them is privacy of patients. There are concerns about guaranteeing the security of the collected data, including ensuring that they aren't used for commercial purposes. That has turned into a major issue with smartphone apps for monitoring medical conditions and may well be a problem with digital drugs.

"Privacy is the central issue. The requirement of needing to take monitored medicines may seem restricting and intrusive, yet adherence to medications for some people is their key to independent living. Without certain treatments, people with memory or organizational deficits might otherwise require hospitalization or assisted living situations," Dolores Malaspina, psychiatrist at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, said. "Issues of control are also important. The balance of individual rights, including to not be medicated if they pose no harm to themselves or to others, is paramount. Psychiatric diagnosis labels have been inappropriately applied to political prisoners in the past."

In any case, experts believe that having new tools that doctors and patients can use to collaborate toward helping find the right medication, stay on it and reduce it when necessary has the potential to improve the outcomes. And it's almost certain that we will soon see many digital pill-based medications for diverse conditions.

"Digital drugs are likely to play a useful but limited role in medical care. But that's okay because every incremental improvement to patient care helps someone," Appelbaum concluded.

On thin ice: 'Dancing With the Stars'

Harding and Faber are bookie favorites already. GETTY IMAGES

Tonya Harding dominates headlines as the new season airs live tonight on ABC.

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Former figure skating champion and modern-day meme Tonya Harding continues to challenge public perception tonight on 2018's iteration of "Dancing With The Stars: Athletes," the 24th season of the popular reality show.

Swapping the chill of the ice rink for the lights of the dance floor, Harding and dance partner Sasha Farber join fellow figure skaters Adam Rippon and Mirai Nagasu on air tonight at 8 p.m. on ABC.

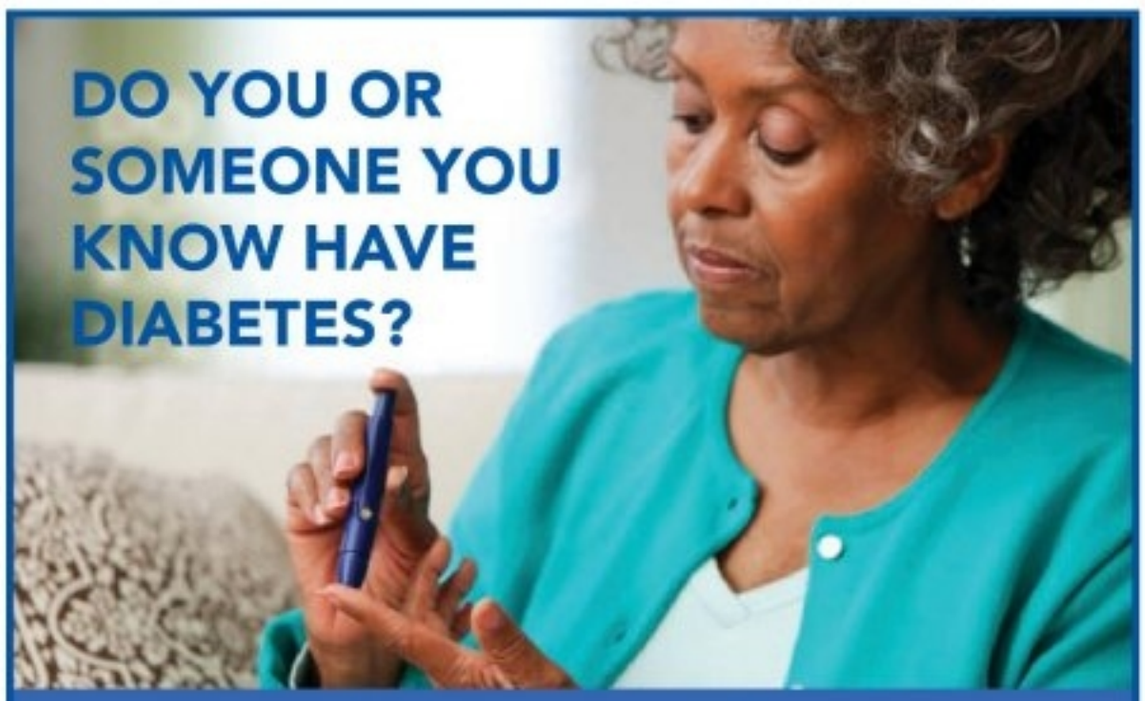
However, the competition is already proving to be fierce, with NBA Hall of Fame Basketball player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar telling "Access Live" on Wednesday: "I'm not competing against Tonya in a way where she needs to break my legs," referring to the 1994 incident where figure skating competitor Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed in the knee by Harding's ex-husband.

Although having no involvement in the attack, Harding pleaded guilty to hindering the prosecution, and was banned for life by the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

However, the sympathetic biopic "I, Tonya." starring Margot Robbie as Harding, has pushed the disgraced skater's story into the limelight once again — and Harding insists she is "humbled" by the opportunity to compete on the show.

"It has been 27 years, basically, since I've been at the Olympics and in front of judges." Harding told "ET."

"This is like my second chance of coming out and being able to perform, not only for myself, but for all



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Allison Janney, Tonya Harding and Margot Robbie at the Oscars celebrating "I, Tonya." GETTY IMAGES

my fans that have been there for so long."

These fans include actress Allison Janney, who Harding confirmed will attending the show's premiere to cheer her on. Janney won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress this year for her portrayal of Harding's estranged mother, LaVona Golden, in the film. Margot Robbie, who played Harding in the film, has also promised to attend should Harding continue to the next rounds.

Partner Sasha Faber, who is best known to viewers for proposing to his wife, fellow dancer Emma Slater. on the show in 2016, has shown complete confidence in Harding, telling reporters at the season launch "I don't think anyone, and I mean anyone, has ever seen what she is going to show."

While expressing gratitude for the opportunity, Harding is aware the American public is divided on her return to the spotlight.

"I know there are some people out there that don't like me and that's OK," she told "ET."

"But I just want to show them I'm a human being; I have feelings, and I'm here to try and do the best I can for myself and for my partner. I don't want to let him down."

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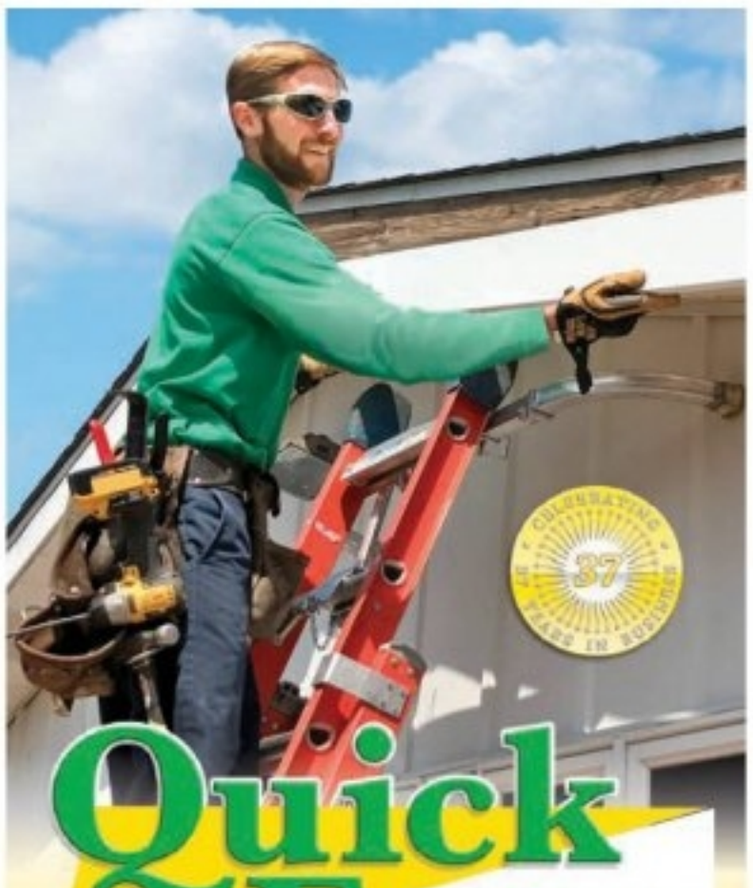

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‘Preston & Steve’ celebrates

Find out how it all began.

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Everyone gets their start somewhere, and for the morning radio show “Preston & Steve,” the journey began with a series of small steps.

In fact, the first time they were on the air together, the pair didn’t even see each other.

“It was at WDRE, an alternative rock station. Steve and I met on the radio. We didn’t meet face to face for about a month,” says Preston Elliott, one half of the dynamic duo.

“I was doing independent production and comedy news for a morning show in Manhattan,” adds Steve Morrison. “I came down to Philly because was a client who liked the commercials I was doing for The Riverdeck Cafe in Manayunk. He wanted me to do a live party broadcast from the club.”

Preston would check in with Steve a few times an hour from the station for the segment.

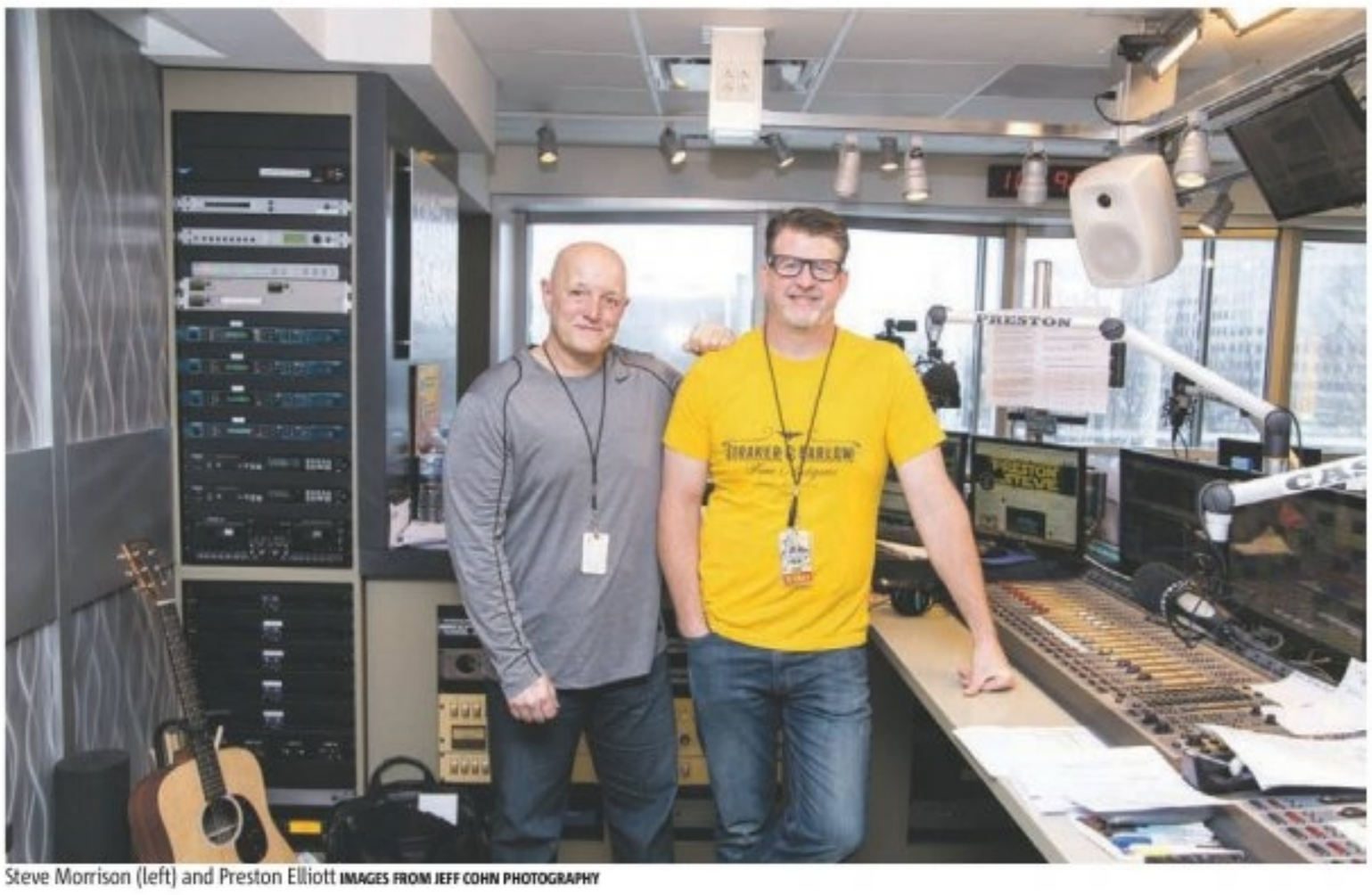
“I would riff and he would riff — we synergized well,” he says.

Steve adds, “We were having a good time — he got the same references. Pop culturally we were syncing up. It was good enough that the program director, Jim McGuinn, said to keep it going.”

When McGuinn eventually got hired by Y100, he asked Preston to cover mornings at the station.

“They talked me into it,” he says. “They saw that Marilyn Russell and I had chemistry, so we did it. We were missing an element though, and Steve was looking for work.”

Steve accepted the offer and commuted for work every week from New York on Sunday nights, living in an efficiency apartment in Philadelphia during the week.



Steve Morrison (left) and Preston Elliott IMAGES FROM JEFF COHN PHOTOGRAPHY

“My wife and I just got married, and she was at a station up there,” he says. “We were apart that way for five years, but we all knew that we were building toward something.”

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"Having fun is what we do for work," Preston says. "We put a lot of work into it, but we come to work and everyday we laugh."

Steve adds, "Our listeners are our friends in a big car that we're all going to work in. People will say, 'Is it weird that I know such much about you?' It's an amazing thing."

As far as favorite interviews go, Preston says that the best interviews are often the ones you least expect.

"We had Darryl McDaniels of Run DMC, and we thought we'd talk about the history of hip-hop. He came in and gave the most inspirational message I didn't expect at all," he says. "It was from the heart — he lived it. The responses that you were seeing on the message boards from people... when they come out

of left field like that, those are awesome."

Steve adds, "We'll also have people on that we don't agree with, like Michael Moore. We had a good exchange, though. He was a really good guest."

Despite their busy mornings on the air, Preston and Steve also spend a lot of time giving back to the community. Their initiative Campout for Hunger collected 839 tons of food and raised $272,683 in 2017 alone.

"Standing there with hundreds and hundreds of people, with bands performing on stage and celebrities coming by, being able to effect change through charity — we are blessed and privileged. We're honored and never take it for granted," Steve says. "We see so many shows come up and take it for granted. You cannot take and take and not give back. It's an honor to be able to have that position to do that. Also, to be a part of people's mornings."

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When is the perfect time to ask for a raise?

The simple strategy that'll ensure you're taken seriously.

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If you're a little nervous about asking for a raise, join the club. Negotiating with your boss about money is a hard thing to do, especially if you're not sure that the answer will be yes.

So how do you know when it's best time to ask for a pay increase? To help you avoid disappointment, follow this simple guide for preparing for the conversation by asking yourself these five questions:

Am I performing as well as I can in this role?
There's no use in asking for a raise if you're not outstanding in your role. Are you the first in, last out? Do you put your hand up to help out on new projects? Are you on top of your email and correspondence? It's important to know how well you're doing and what your strengths (and potential weaknesses) are before your meeting.

Can I present clear examples of why I deserve this raise?
If you're blitzing your role, chances are that your boss has noticed, but if not, being able to produce facts, figures and examples of your influence and effectiveness in your role is essential. If your boss asks you why you deserve the raise, you need to answer clearly and concisely.

Has my role changed recently?
If your company just hired a large intake of staff and your job has eased up a bit, it might not be the best time to ask for a raise. However, if you've just taken on a higher responsibility load, and you've handled it well, then lock and load! The odds could be in your favor.

Have I worked longer than a year in my current role?
It's a simple rookie mistake to ask for a raise within your first year with the company. That is, unless you negotiated a six-month raise when you were hired. If so, it might be worth negotiating the date of your next salary evaluation, too.

Do you understand the company budget cycle?
Being aware of when budgets are approved is key to understanding if you're actually able to receive a raise. If the salary budgets were approved last week, for example, there's no point in even asking your boss for a raise until about 12 weeks before they're set again for next year.

What do I want from my raise?
Just asking for a "raise" simply isn't good enough. If your boss is considering it, you need to be able to quantify your request. Do you want a specific percentage increase, or perhaps you're asking for benefits? Maybe what you're actually interested in is a title change along with your raise. Being prepared to negotiate is a key skill to learn for these situations.

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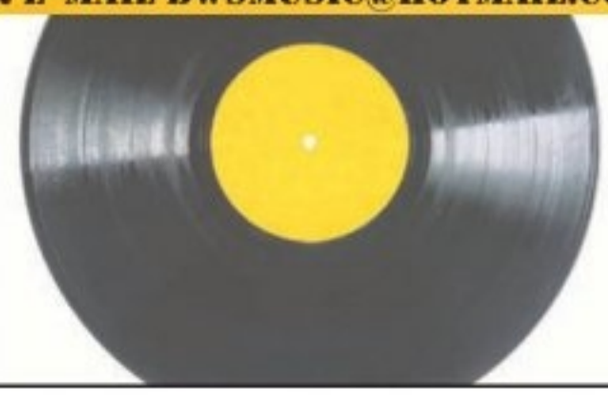

How 3 students got an education on the cheap

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As total U.S. student debt approaches $1.5 trillion, low-cost higher education options are compelling for students who want to train for a career without taking out loans. Here's how three students found low-cost paths.

Pell Grants and stipends

After serving a prison sentence for drug-related charges, Frank Melo enrolled at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston. He was determined to change his life.

Melo, now 21, qualified for a Pell Grant to cover tuition. Any U.S. college student with enough financial need is eligible for one.

In addition to the Pell Grant, Melo receives a weekly stipend from College Bound Dorchester, a nonprofit aiming to fight poverty through education. The stipend is part of the organization's Boston Uncornered Initiative and covers living costs.

Being able to count on that money helps Melo focus on school. "I can't stress enough how that stipend keeps me out of trouble," he says.

Low-cost online courses and full-time work

Earning a bachelor's degree in business helped Elisa Magagna land an office manager job that pays about $8 an hour more than she'd made before. It was a much-needed raise for Magagna, who was raising four children as a single mom.

She attended Western Governors University, an online-only nonprofit school where annual tuition and fees for undergraduate business students are cheaper than those for in-state students at the average four-year public school in 2016-17 ($6,670 vs. $8,173). Not all online programs are affordable or reputable, though, so it's crucial for students to practice due diligence before enrolling in one.

Magagna worked full-time while in school and received Pell Grants. She also finished her four-year degree in just over three years, shaving off a year of tuition. Upon graduation, she owed just $3,000 in student loans — a small amount compared with the average debt for the class of 2016, ranging from $19,975 in Utah to $36,367 in New Hampshire, according to The Institute for College Access and Success.

Apprenticeships

As a high school senior, Erin Lakenen was lukewarm about college but was sure about one thing: She didn't want student debt.

Instead, Lakenen became an electrical apprentice. Her father, a former ironworker and now president of the local steelworkers union, suggested the apprenticeship. She gets paid competitive wages to work full-time as an electrician, but she didn't have any electrical skills going in.

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Grading the

The Eagles selected tight end Dallas Goedert with their first pick of the 2018 NFL Draft. GETTY IMAGES

Even though they traded their first-round pick, the Eagles put together a solid draft.

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The Eagles' 2018 draft class became as much about the past and the future as it is the present. When the draft began they were absent several selections due to the trades that acquired Carson Wentz, Jay Ajayi, and Ronald Darby. By the time the draft ended they had traded back not to acquire more picks this year, but an extra second-round selection in 2019. So how do you grade them? Are they docked for not having a first-round selection or a third? Are they credited for "drafting" Ajayi in the fourth round?

We'll focus exclusively on the five picks the team had. We all know Howie Roseman loves a trade, and the Eagles only wound up using two of the choices they began the draft with the 130th and 206th picks. The 206th selection was the only one that began in Philadelphia and didn't arrive via some type of trade. Here's the haul:

ROUND 2, PICK 49:
DALLAS GOEDERT, TE
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Operating with one pick in the first two days of the draft, the Eagles were destined to leave with a limited number of players we can expect to come in and plug holes immediately. Thankfully, the reigning Super Bowl Champions are low on holes. But Goedert certainly qualifies as that type of player. Claiming tight end a need when Zach Ertz is on the roster may seem extravagant, but Eagles fans have been spoiled with three quality tight ends for years now, and two of those are gone.

Make no mistake: Goedert is the jewel of this draft class. The Eagles have shown the ability to scheme multiple tight ends onto the field at once with ease, so Ertz blocking him isn't a concern. And with defenses focused on Ertz, Alshon Jeffery, and Nelson Agholor, the rookie tight end should find

Eagles 2018 NFL Draft selections

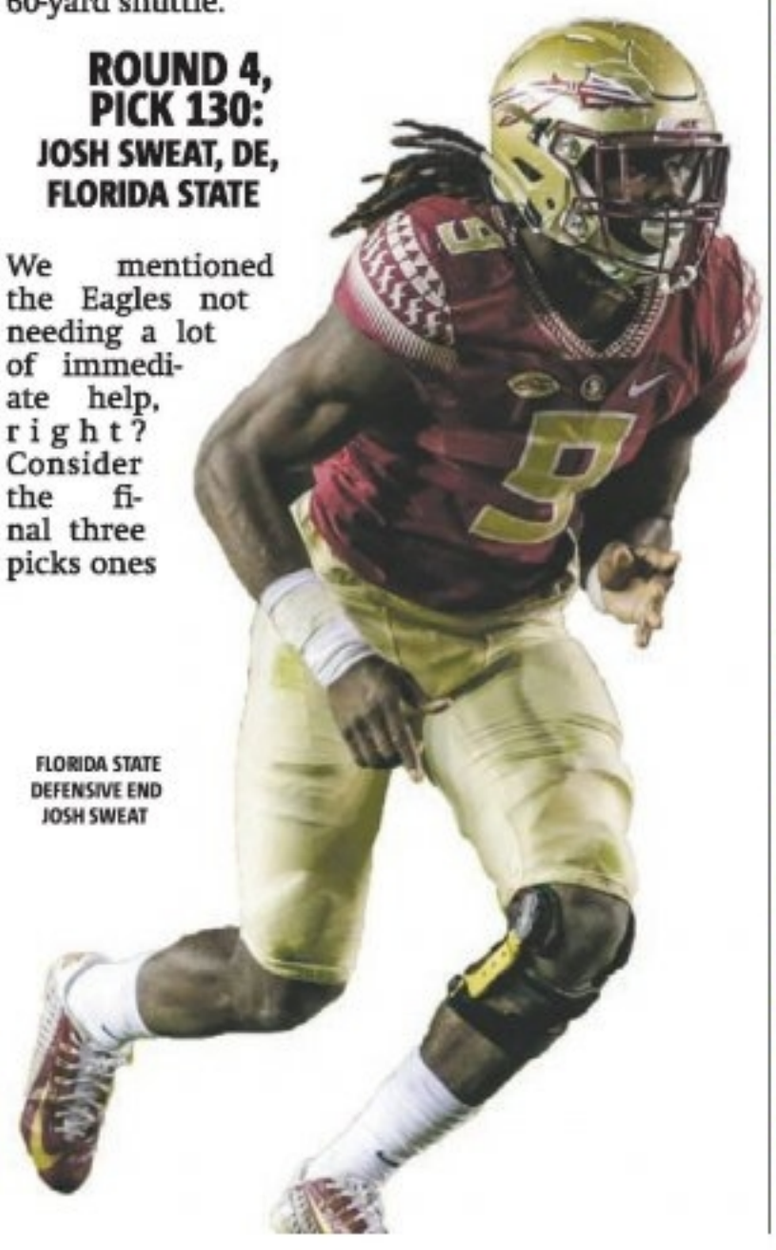
plenty of space to operate. Goedert dominated FCS competition in college. He averaged 82 catches for 1,202 yards and nine touchdowns over his final two seasons. He is ranked by CBS Sports as the number one tight end in this class, and the player NFL.com compares him to is — Zach Ertz.

ROUND 4, PICK 125: AVONTE MADDOX, CB PITTSBURGH

Maddox's small frame (5-foot-9, 184 pounds) may remind fans of Brandon Boykin, and the Eagles may have a similar role for Maddox in mind. The slot corner role is most open-for-business in Philadelphia following the departure of Patrick Robinson and while the Eagles have a plethora of young corners on the roster, none of them have spent much time inside. Maddox was a ballhawk at Pittsburgh, making eight career interceptions and forcing three fumbles as a senior. He tested extremely well at the combine, leading all defensive backs in the 60-yard shuttle.

ROUND 4, PICK 130: JOSH SWEAT, DE, FLORIDA STATE

We mentioned the Eagles not needing a lot of immediate help, right? Consider the final three picks ones with high upside and, in the case of Josh Sweat, really high upside. The Florida State prospect is your resident freakish athlete at edge rusher this season. He finished top five at his position in every combine test he participated in and led his group with a 39-inch vertical. He was productive too, with 14.5 sacks in three seasons. Concerns about his knee pushed him down several draft boards, but he's joining the team with the least need to ask too much of him before he's ready.



FLORIDA STATE DEFENSIVE END JOSH SWEAT

ROUND 6, PICK 206: MATT PRYOR, OT TCU

The first of two massive linemen selections to close the draft by the Eagles, and by far the more pro-ready. Teams have concerns about Pryor — 6-foot-7, 332 pounds — keeping his weight down, but despite his size and a 5.62-second 40-yard dash, the TCU lineman moves surprisingly quickly on tape. He has experience at guard and tackle and the Eagles, who announced him as the latter, will likely experiment with him at both.

ROUND 7, PICK 233: JORDAN MAILATA, OT AUSTRALIA

Just like they traded up and pipped Dallas to drafting Dallas, the Eagles moved up in the seventh round to draft Mailata, an Australian rugby player without a down of American Football to his name. Despite that, the 20-year-old should excite fans with the combination of a 6-foot-8, 346-pound frame capable of a 5.12 40 and 28-inch vertical. Pull up his rugby footage and you won't be disappointed.

OVERALL GRADE: B+

The Eagles didn't have a lot of draft capital to work with, but they didn't have a lot of holes they had to fill. They left the draft with an elite player at one of their few spots of need, an extra second-round pick next year, and several players who could capitalize on the incubation the Eagles are built to give them. It's a pretty perfect draft for a team in their position.

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Celtics - Sixers rivalry back on

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The rivalry is renewed.

Finally.

In 2012, the Celtics ousted the Sixers in a hard-fought seven-game series. But that series didn't capture the true measure of this bitter rivalry.

On Monday night in Boston, the Celtics will host the Sixers in the first game of what could be a seven-game series in the Eastern Conference semifinals. The depleted Celtics outlasted the Milwaukee Bucks in seven games while the Sixers needed five to finish off the Miami Heat.

The Celtics advanced without stars such as Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward. Jaylen Brown even went down with a sore hamstring and the Celtics still defeated the Bucks. It's going to be a difficult for Philly, regardless of who's out for the Celtics.

Boston also won three of the four regular season matchups this season against the Sixers.

"It only gets harder," Sixers head coach Brett Brown told reporters of the playoff schedule. "The longer you play, the more difficult it is."

The Sixers-Heat series was bloody and fierce. There were double technicals whistled on a regular basis. Goran Dragic slapped Ben Simmons' head. Miami's Justise Winslow had blood dripping down his face.

This next step promises to be uglier because of the bitterness between the Celtics and Sixers. Through the years, Larry Bird and Julius Erving became locked in a nasty fight. Sixers guard Sedale Threatt clocked Boston's Danny Ainge in his face. Moses Malone once described Kevin McHale as one of the dirtiest players he had ever faced.

Fast-forward to 2018 and the names and faces have changed. Look for the rivalry to be renewed in a big way. At this stage, it's about execution when you're facing the same team over and over and over again.

The Sixers' dynamic duo of Simmons and Joel Embiid were scintillating in the first round. Even with a heavy mask protecting his injured orbital bone under his eye, Embiid played at an All-Star level. Simmons was a triple-double machine and showed maturity beyond his years as the series with the Heat became bitter.

Boston's Marcus Smart looks to draw a charge on Ben Simmons earlier this season. GETTY IMAGES

This duo doesn't seem fazed by the spotlight of the playoffs. And veterans such as Ilyasova, Marco Belinelli and J.J. Redick are there to provide support.

"Those veterans are great people, and they understand there's a level of responsibility that they have to help nurture those young guys," Brett Brown said. "Ultimately, it's going to be Joel and Ben's program. They're going to be here a lot longer than all of us."

The rivalry is sure to be entertaining and exciting. There will be drama. There could be skirmishes. More technicals. Possibly blood.

Hey, it's the Celtics and Sixers.

Brown out?

Celtics head coach Brad Stevens said Sunday that Jaylen Brown would be "doubtful" for tonight's game at TD Garden.

"He still has some soreness," Stevens said. "Didn't try to do anything that I know of running-wise today. Did have some testing and that looked good, thankfully. So, doubtful for [Game 1]. But I guess he could play. It looks like it could be something that allows him to play as the series goes on."

Brown had been averaging 20.5 points per game in this postseason before going down with the hamstring injury Saturday night.

25.7

Boston's Kyrie Irving averaged 25.7 points per game in three games this season against the Sixers, all Celtics wins. Philly beat the Celtics, 89-80, in January when the Boston star was sidelined, and they won't see Irving in this series.

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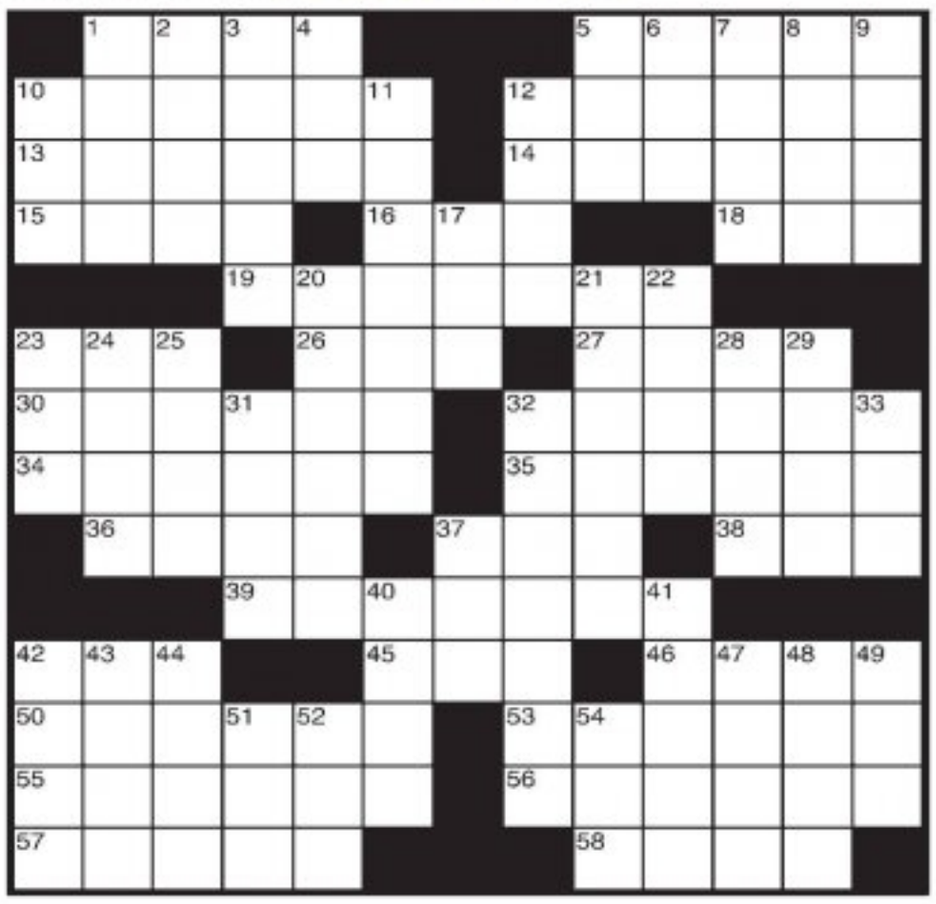

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